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No making new Uvias accounts

By LEMURIA

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Account creation is now disabled on Uvias, with no information on whether it will return.

Uvias is OWOT's "holding company" of sorts; providing a single sign-on for OWOT and related projects, but because OWOT is the only major project under the banner of Uvias, it is more an identity provider.

"Registering new accounts is disabled at the moment", said the notice on the Uvias website.

When Lemuria asked FP about the events, FP replied that account creation had been disabled since around November 23-24, but not with a reason, saying he didn't know "what's up with that".

While there was a brief spike in Uvias accounts being used for spam back in October 2024, it was that - a spike, and it has since subsided.

This won't do much to stop spam; spammers have always spammed their spam anonymously on OWOT, and will continue to do so. Spamming with Uvias accounts will remain rare.

Pippin leaves Discord

By LEMURIA

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Applepippin, one of the members of the OWOT Discord server and the site's single largest breeder of parrots, was given a 90-day ban for slurs, which will expire on January 12, 2025.

The Brazillian user had left on his own accord, but because of the slurs, a ban had been "retroactively applied", in Fern's words.

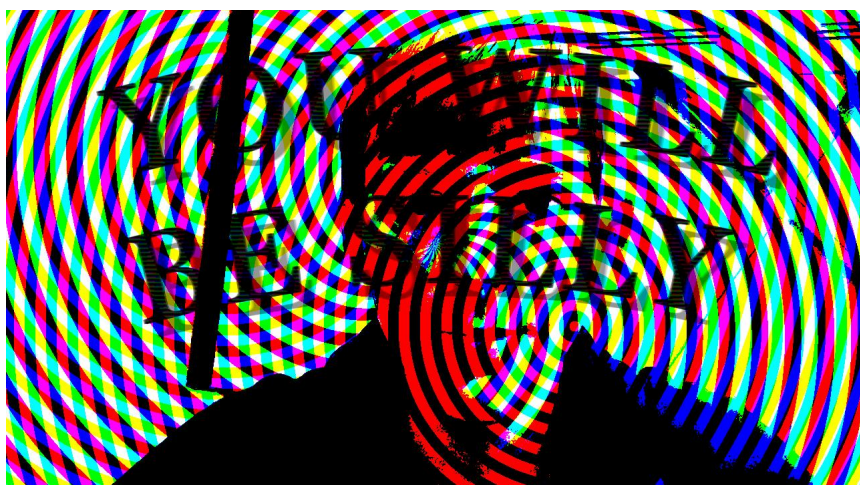
This isn't Pippin's first brush with the law of the server; he was once timed out for three days for posting a GIF about how to tie a noose, another post in this person's long history of posts regarding self-harm and suicide.

One of those posts led to Dat_Hack3r encouraging him with a resounding yes, which got him a minimum two-year ban (see the other articles).

With Pippin to be gone for a while; Lemuria immediately declared victory, posting a video of the Brazillian singer Mariana Merenda (though she is better known as Mari, for short), collaborating on a song with The Kiffness (David Scott).

"haha pippin can't parrot react me now for posting mariana merenda https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IeU79NpcU8", he proudly proclaimed in the #owot channel, though even if Pippin couldn't, Lime could.

Thank you for reading. We love you, even if it feels like others don't. Help is always available.



FERN DEMANDS YOUR SILLINESS

Cloudflare: BonziWorld "suspected phishing site"

By LEMURIA

November 27, 2024

Trouble is brewing in BonziWorld. The main BonziWorld site, at bonziworld.org was placed behind a Cloudflare gate warning of possible phishing, around November 26. You can disregard it, but that's not advised.

The wiki remains safe (as in, accessible without having to go through a Cloudflare firewall), with a warning banner at the top advising people to not visit the main site unless they wanted their IP grabbed.

Bonzi's Ziggy, not to be confused with OWOT's Ziggy, wrote in an announcement in the Warsaw Discord server that Vitolle, Fune's successor, was unable to pay for the virtual private server (VPS) that keeps BonziWorld running, and "couldn't get some from his momma in time", thus leading him to quit.

However, he did not quit before what the announcement described as "chimping out", leaking the source code, and "all the kingwords". The purpose of a "kingword" is unknown, as it is a piece of Bonzi-specific terminology. It is speculated that the "kingword" may be a type of password, one that gives its holder power over the server.

Fune, despite having passed down ownership, still owns the domains where BonziWorld is at. However, in an example of security through obscurity, which by itself, isn't good security at all, Bonzi's Ziggy said that while "it could be restored in theory", if the site were to come back, it would be "vulnerable to new skiddy rape scripts for a while".

BonziWorld user Zachary posted a screenshot showing XphantomTheGDGamer holding an Israeli flag, with the caption saying that they were "kicking everyone for no damn reason".

Another user, "the ukranian" (original spelling preserved), or dobkun, posted a screenshot of a BonziWorld ban message, with the "Banned by" field being "15 #NukeBFDIAndGofags" and the reason simply being the letter "E".

In the late evening UTC of November 26, Demin linked to what is supposedly a new bonziworld.org successor, though as of November 27, 2024, "bonzi.aryans.win", the URL given, was unreachable.

Demin is a BonziWorld Discord moderator, and the person who ordered that place.bonziworld.org links be spammed back around early October 2024 (see Issue 00062, 2024-10-05).

DNS (domain name system; an Internet service translating website names like "ourworldoftext.com" into IP addresses)

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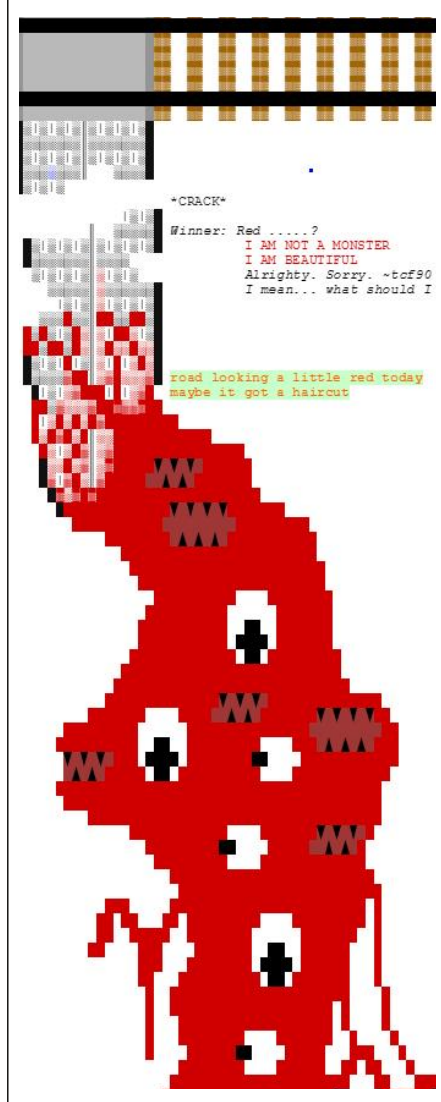

A tomato monster took control of the southern sections of the northern highway at spawn today. The large monster, with multiple eyes and mouths, was eventually terminated by pest control personnel.

OWON IS ALWAYS OFFERING ADVERT SPACE. DM LEMURIA TO ASK ABOUT PLACING AN ADVERT

PC_KOSA spreads lies about Lemuria, claims link to Hessen

By LEMURIA

November 27, 2024

PC_KOSA, also known as procurzkosa, is the latest to strike out against Lemuria in the ongoing conflicts again, falsely accusing Lemuria of being the Katherine Hessen spammer.

The user has dedicated more than half of his username to the acronym used for the "Kids Online Safety Act".

KOSA is a bill, still proposed and thankfully not law, that the Electronic Frontier Foundation has criticized as an "unconstitutional censorship bill", and rightfully so. It is nothing more than toilet paper.

Meanwhile, the Katherine Hessen spammer is one of OWOT's many trolls and spammers, the source of messages claiming that a non-existent politician named "Katherine Hessen" has killed 450,000 kids in "Galsi".

In an alternate universe that's really just a wordswap of the real conflict going on between Palestine and Israel, "Kelsentia" has been invading "Galsi", with support from "Andirika", where Katherine Hessen lives.

The Hessen spammer rarely strikes; days and weeks go by between individual spamming incidents.

They are not as disruptive as Starianna nor does the message count ever reach the four digits.

Lemuria posted an innocent screenshot of something he saw on the canvas; an advertisement for /skibidiworld.

Innocent, when compared to the other things that usually get pasted on OWOT.

What made it unique, was that it had been pasted over a snippet of some C++ code, making it slightly unhinged.

"Visit our world! Set the capacity of this cargo hold." are not two sentences that usually get put together.

The function signature had also become "https://tinyurl.com/skibidiworldSize(int tons)", which is obviously not valid C++.

The code, from what remains of it though, seems to be for a cargo hold, which Lemuria later determined to be from the video game Endless Sky after checking the canvas and looking at more code.

That post was when PC_KOSA took the opportunity to strike, hitting Lemuria with a false accusation.

"Stop spamming Katherine Hessen", he demanded, with Lemuria replying to PC_KOSA's falsehoods by explaining that he was not the Hessen spammer.

More arguments soon followed, with Lemuria eventually choosing to ignore PC_KOSA, not wanting to put up with his bullshit.

PC_KOSA meanwhile is fighting a war on two fronts; not

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ChatGPT visits the OWOT Wiki

FP posted a screenshot of ChatGPT in the server logs.

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Dat_Hack3r banned, can appeal in 2026

Encouraging suicide, posting gore, and posting a CBAT message is the fastest way to get banned.

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Lemuria, Fern, G*32 mess with torrents

You too, can torrent every OWON issue up to 2024-11-23, legally, and easily!

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Fern Gender Update commit found

On the other side of the fourth wall, Lemuria decided to make a meme about Fern's transition (again).

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Naev's march to 0.12

The underrated space game kept Lemuria away from OWON the whole week. Procrastination!

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lookups done against the URL only returned 127.0.0.1, a special IP address reserved for localhost.

For the unfamiliar, BonziWorld is an online chatroom and a community, themed around the old BonziBuddy, a desktop virtual assistant. However, it was criticized as spyware, and adware, and lawsuits eventually got it discontinued in 2004. Over 20 years after that, it still has a cult following on the site.

BonziWorld's community has launched multiple attacks on OWOT, causing all kinds of disruption that FP dealt with, and OWON has covered them before. In fact, one of BonziWorld's members even read Issue 00061, from September 28, 2024.

And for every OWOT user, it will likely be a brief respite from the "eternal internet sissy fight", given that BonziWorld's users will now be too busy resolving internal drama to launch any attacks or skirmishes against the Three Sites, especially OWOT.

Dat_Hack3r banned, can appeal in 2026

By LEMURIA

November 25, 2024

Dat_Hack3r was timed out for a full week, and eventually banned, in the early morning UTC of November 25, 2024, for posting an image of a bloody amputated arm and a message that sounds just like something either CBAT or Starianna would post.

Dat_Hack3r has ended up on OWON multiple times for his efforts in improving the wiki, especially in an article last week, but this might be the last.

Fern's response was unnaturally quick.

When Lemuria got the notification about the message and remarked "what the fuck", before pinging Fern, it had not been a minute when she gave the offender a 1-week timeout and deleted the offending posts.

Fern later decided to escalate to a ban when felinepeppermint remarked "i think its worthy of a ban". She obliged, banning Dat_Hack3r.

When Lemuria asked for more information regarding the ban such as citations to specific parts of the Discord guidelines, Fern cited rule 6 (child sexual abuse), rule 11 (glorifying suicide or self-harm), and rule 12 (gore, excessive violence, or animal harm).

She further explained that the ban would be permanent, and that Dat_Hack3r would be able to appeal the ban in November 2026, if he sticks around that long.

When Lemuria checked at 01:37 UTC in the early morning, he was able to confirm that Dat_Hack3r had been banned, as his only mutual server with Lemuria was now the YWOT Discord server.

Dat_Hack3r could have led the wiki to glory, but unfortunately, his weirdness, or his intrusive thoughts, got the better of him.

He is not banned from OWOT itself, however, and can still lead the effort, but his easiest way to communicate with OWOT's userbase is gone.

ChatGPT begins scraping OWOT Wiki

By LEMURIA

November 30, 2024

"society: brace yourselves", exclaimed FP. GPTBot/1.2, OpenAI's web crawler, made a request to the OWOT wiki page on Autism, and FP noticed it in the server logs.

"Autism is a spectrum disorder with a bad reputation in OWOT. Symptoms include being retarded, stimming and being a fictional googologist.", reads the article.

"In the near future, ChatGPT is going to provide some... alternative facts", further wrote FP.

Lemuria, who has repeatedly said he is diagnosed, could not care less.

With only one hour before OWON release, it is time to add cat filler.

Fern gender update found in repository

By LEMURIA

November 30, 2024

This November 30, Lemuria released a screenshot of a Git diff in a repository containing Fern's person file, dating back to July 1, the day Fern came out as a transgender woman to OWOT.

The person file is mostly innocuous, though some diff lines contained her deadname and had to be censored.

The commit also marked Fern's new given name as private, but this was before October 2024 when Fern revealed her given name was Lauren. Her last name, of course, will remain private and there's nothing Lemuria can do about that.

Reactions to the image were limited; FP was the only one to react, adding a face with raised eyebrows.

(The image below is a fresh version straight from the terminal, the image posted to the Discord was taken in VSCode's terminal.)

Lemuria, Fern, G*32 do torrent experiments

By LEMURIA

November 29, 2024

Lemuria, Fern, and G*32 decided to have fun together for around an hour experimenting with torrents. It all started when Fern uploaded a torrent of her old cat photos folder, weighing at around 43 megabytes of data.

Lemuria joined in on the fun almost immediately, assembling a torrent file consisting of a hello world C file, a README greeting Fern, and an image of an American harpist from Missouri.

At first, G*32 had problems getting the torrent, with the torrent making it to Fern, who then brought G*32 the torrent.

The first torrent a success, Lemuria gathered every single issue of OWON into a single directory and packaged it all up as a torrent, and eventually, Optic joined in on the fun, downloading Lemuria's first torrent, but not the OWON torrent.

Fern's computer eventually stopped contributing to the little network; understandable as Fern has to sleep and doesn't keep her computers on 24/7 - she has VPSes.

It later came back up; with Fern saying she was seeding it when Lemuria shared the torrent file on Sleepycat.

BitTorrent is a decentralized file-sharing protocol, allowing users to get a torrential stream of data delivered straight to their devices, whether 500 megabytes of OWON, or Season 3 of the new series that was just released six days ago,.

One server doesn't do all the uploading; everyone who downloads share the work; the seeds feed the leechers, and that's how it always will be in the world of torrenting.

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only against Lemuria, but against Andrei, who suspects him of being a Polonez alt. He made his allegations known in the new "drama log" thread, created by felinepeppermint.

"idk if y'all are ready for this but i got a veeeery slight feeling PC_KOSA is a polonez alt. coming back to this statement when/ if i find evidence", he said, before leaving.

By November 29, Andrei still had no evidence ready.

His account is rather new; it was created on September 1, 2024, and that same day it joined the OWOT Discord server, which lends more credence to the theory.

Since then, he has sent 117 messages, all a massive waste of Discord's storage space and likely the reason the 25-megabyte upload limit was dropped to 10.

Experiencing a Rapid Decline in Altitude to Appease, Please, and Satisfy the Feelings of a Large Collection of Reddish Earth Lifeforms Known to Sentient Earth Lifeforms called "Humans" As "Roses" within the genus "Rosa"

Our World of News is the paper that keeps the people of the Three Sites (OWOT, YWOT, and OWOP) informed. Lemuria has ran the paper diligently since 2024-02-23.

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Naev marches onward to version 0.12

By LEMURIA

November 29, 2024

This week, Lemuria finds himself procrastinating on the next OWON issue by playing Naev. Motivation to continue work on the paper is going down, though Lemuria pushes through as he wants to at least make it to the one-year mark.

Somehow, for the past 38 weeks, enough drama has happened to fill four pages worth of OWON.

Not always; Lemuria's procrastination has led to cat filler at the very last minute in more than one issue.

Anyways, the free and open source top-down 2D space game Naev, is continuing its steady march towards version 0.12.

Developed since 2008 by bobbens (Edgar Simo-Serra), whose profile picture is a cute-looking cat, the game has gone a long way since those olden days.

Lemuria first played the game in 2021, then again in December 2023, and then again in November 2024, where we are now.

The first beta came on November 16, 2024, and in the evening of November 28, bobbens announced 0.12.0-beta.2.

No explicit release date has been given for 0.12, but given that Naev released 0.11.0 in December, and that development is speeding up, the playerbase may have Naev 0.12.0 in their Christmas gifts this year, instead of coal.

Naev's setting

Naev is set a couple cycles after the Incident, a massive explosion that destroyed Sol and plenty of nearby systems.

The [REDACTED] were responsible for it because [REDACTED].

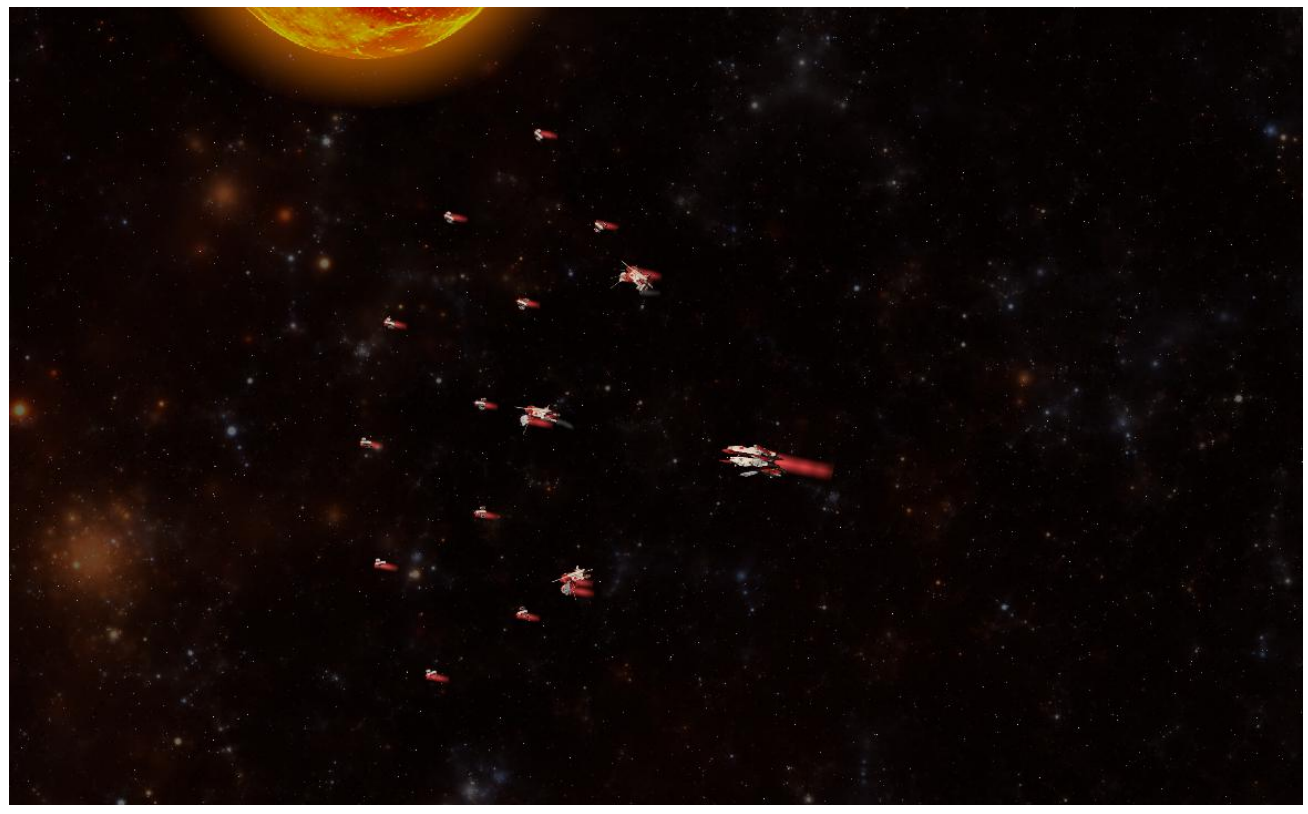
The Incident tore the heart straight out of the Empire, and left behind a nebula; a never-ending field of blue, sometimes purple, and maybe red if you're that deep in it, which you shouldn't be.

The Nebula deals damage to shields, and armor, and will not be afraid to tear you apart.

What's left of human space is divided between major factions; whether the Za'lek, the Soromid, the Sirius, the Dvaered, and the Empire itself.

The first four are vassals of the Empire; Great Houses, they are, but it is merely ceremonial now due to a variety of political factors that the Incident may have had a hand in. Some extra houses exist, but they are spoilers.

Naev has no aliens; but humanity is diverse enough in and of itself anyway.



Lemuria's fleet of Za'lek ships. Like Lemuria, the Za'lek are always in relentless pursuit of knowledge, one interested in Twitch and the other in... lattices? Oh, and Za'leks love drones.

The fourth wall

On the other side of the fourth wall, Naev takes after Escape Velocity, which had its heyday back in the late 1990s and early 2000s, and can be said to be part of the family of EV spiritual successors or EV-inspired games, along with Endless Sky.

Naev contains a large amount of assets from fellow video game Vega Strike, primarily music, but significant portions of Naev-specific original assets now exist.

In the game, missions are in the form of Lua, providing significantly more flexibility than Endless Sky in the types of missions one can make.

Now, minigames may not be something Endless Sky wants; the two games have their own niche and excel in it very well.

For one - Naev's universe feels larger than Endless Sky, due to differences in the way travel takes place.

In Endless Sky, you just jump out of the system anywhere you want, but in Naev, you must do so at special jump points.

The distance between these points, and planets, is also much larger than that of Endless Sky, but Naev has a timewarp feature.

A fork: Naikari

Naev itself has a fork known as Naikari, led by the Diligent Circle, a plural system that had creative disagreements with bobbens, the lead developer of Naev.

An argument over Dynamic Range Compression Support in Naev issue 2062 led to the Diligent Circle being blocked from Naev, and a few months later, banned from the Discord server.

"Is there any collaboration between the Naev and Naikari projects?", asks the FAQ, which answers with a resounding "No."

The name Naikari itself is a portmanteau (or "portmantô" as spelled by the Diligent Circle and Naikari's characters), of the Japanese words ない (nai, "not") and 光 (hikari, "light").

What should you play?

Well, Naev and Endless Sky, as previously stated, bring everything to their own separate tables; they excel at different things and to compare the two would be the same as a comparison of apples and oranges.

Naev offers a larger-scale experience in a larger universe, while Endless Sky feels a little smaller.

In the dialog department, Naev offers visual novels; you see a character talk to you and sometimes cutscenes are involved, while Endless Sky tends towards long walls of text and does not at all have character faces.

They are only described; letting you fill in the blanks of who your character is, and who the character that you or your character is talking to is.

Endless Sky's pull request review process meanwhile is a lot more stringent than Naev; leading to possibly better quality or a feeling that things are more polished.

However, Lemuria has submitted more large PRs to Endless Sky, while his Naev PRs have been small one-typo fixes, so some salt may be needed. Both are great games, so play both, if you have the time.

And Bobbens, if you are reading this, hello. Our World of Text is another community I frequent and I make a newspaper for it.

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Reminder: Down with Ziggy. Nobody cares about your dreidels!